pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 36 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th August, 1990 and state:

(a) whether Central Administrative Tribunal has vacated the Stay for upgradation of posts in the ISS from Grade IV to Grade III; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have completed the cadre review within 9 months from the date of above said vacation; if not, what are the reasons for ignoring their assurance; and

(c) by which date the cadre review will now be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The Stay Order was vacated on 6-11-90.

(b) and (c) A Task Force was set up on 28-11-90 to consider the aspect of Cadre Review of the ISS in all its perspectives. The Task Force submitted a draft report on 15-05-1991. The process of consultation with different Departments of the proposals in the report was set in motion. In the meanwhile, in the light of instructions in the context of the efforts for reduction of posts to reduce administrative expenditure, the ongoing cadre review was deferred for the time being. However, the possibility of encadering certain individual statistical posts now outside the ISS, pending resumption of the overall cadre review action, is being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Finance. In the Circumstances, it is not feasible to indicate any date for completion of the overall Cadre Review exercise.

Steps to increase per capita income

4086. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in Economic Times dated 30th June, 1992 captioned "Foreign aid has been un-mitigated disaster for India";

(b) if so, what is Government reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps have been taken to increase the per capita income in the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news-item reflects the personal views of a scholar in a study conducted for Washington based Cato Institute, about the pattern and process of development in India, with which the scholar finds much fault. The Government does not agree with these views and will continue to be guided by the announced industrial policies as approved by Parliament and the policies and priorities as indicated in the Plan documents.

(c) The development programmes for agriculture, industry, energy and services sectors envisaged in the Eighth Five Year Plan are expected to give a GDP growth of 5.6 per cent per annum during the Plan. This will enable increase in per capita GDP of about 3.8 per cent per annum during the Plan.

Funds earmarked for development of Tribal areas in the country

4087. SHRI S. S. AHULWALIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have earmarked funds for the development of tribal and backward areas of the country during the Eighth Plan;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have also earmarked funds for the development of tribal areas in the State of Bihar during the Eighth Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) how much funds have so far been released by Government in this regard; and

(f) what progress has been noticed in the development of tribal areas in the State of Bihar so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 1250 crores has been provided as Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan for the Eighth Five Year Plan. As backward areas have not been specifically defined, no separate funds have been allocated. The Tribal Sub-Plans envisage major thrust of development to come from State Plans with Centre providing Special Central Assistance, which is additive to State Plans, efforts and is meant to bridge critical gaps. The Ministry of Welfare implements Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes and an amount of Rs. 89 crores has been provided for schemes exclusively for Scheduled Tribes. Besides, an amount of Rs. 556.70 crores has been made for Central/Centrally Sponsored Schemes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(c) and (d) Special Central Assistance (SCA) is disbursed among the States on the basis of a formula, which takes into account Scheduled Tribes' population in the State, Tribal Sub-Plan area and backwardness of the State. Accordingly, the share of Bihar State will be worked out and released to the State by the Ministry of Welfare during Eighth Plan period.

(e) An amount of Rs. 262.49 crores has been released by the Ministry of Welfare as Special Central Assistance to Bihar State upto 1991-92 for Tribal Sub-Plan.

(f) The Tribal Sub-Plan areas have registered progress. Level of literacy among Scheduled Tribes increased from 9.16% in 1961 to 16.99% in 1981. The enrolment of Scheduled Tribe children at primary and middle stages of education was 4.37 lakhs in 1967-68, which increased to 8.60 lakhs in 1989-90. The percentage of persons below the poverty line among the Scheduled Tribes was 68.20% in rural areas and 51.40% in urban agreas in 1977-78. This reduced to 64.90% in rural areas and 39.80% in urban areas in 1983-84. A number of beneficiary oriented schemes were implemented under various sectors of development, particularly under Poverty Alleviation Programmes for economic development of Scheduled Tribes. The number of Scheduled Tribe families, economically assisted to enable them to cross the poverty line under these programmes during the Sixth Plan was 3.99 lakhs and 7.25 lakhs in the Seventh Plan.

Plan and Non-Plan allocation made to States and U.Ts.

4088. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state the Plan and Non-Plan allocation made for different States and UTs during last year and current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): The Planning Commission allocates Central Plan assistance for the States and UTs, while devolution of non-plan funds takes place according to the recommendations of the Finance Commission contained in their report. A statement showing the allocations made by the Planning Commission for Annual Plans, 1991-92 and 1992-93, to the States and UTs is annexed.